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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM ROBERT ELLSWORTH

AM IN RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM ROBERT ELLSWORTH OF LAZARD FRERES IN NEW YORK WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ONE OF OUR FRIENDS WHO IS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL ENTERPRISE WANTS EXPLORE A POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, WOULD OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN IRAN. IF YOU CAN DO SO, DICK, I WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTING TO ME TWO OR THREE PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS WITH WHOM SUCH EXPLORATORY TALKS MIGHT BE CONDUCTED. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, ELLSWORTH. UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE CONTACT ELLSWORTH AND TELL HIM THAT BUSINESS VENTURES OF THE SORT HE PROPOSING ARE NOW SO NUMEROUS IN TEHRAN THAT IT IS POINTLESS TO TRY TO DO BUSINESS BY LONG DISTANCE. UNLESS THE ENTERPRISE IN QUESTION IS PREPARED TO VISIT TEHRAN, THERE IS NOT RPT NO POINT WHICH I CAN SEE IN SUGGESTING NAMES. WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL, BUT THIS IS NO NORMAL MARKET RIGHT NOW. HELMS

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